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Remarks

Claims 1-51 are pending in the Application. Applicant has been requested to select one of the distinct species of the claimed invention, either an optical waveguide coupling system, classified in class 385, subclass 50 (claims 1-31), or to a method for making an optical waveguide network, classified in class 216, subclass 24 (claims 32-51). Applicant hereby elects to prosecute, without traverse, Claims 1-31, drawn to an optical waveguide coupling system. Based on this election, please cancel claims 32-51 without prejudice.

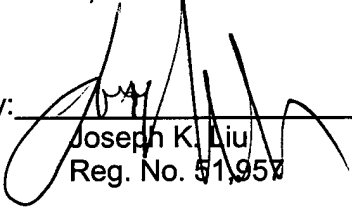
An action on the merits with regard to the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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